

Germany After World War I

Under Weimar Republic

- Blamed for Versailles treaty
- French occupation of Ruhr leads to economic crisis.
- Inflation spirals out of control.
- Economy improves in late 1920s.
- Great Depression hits in the 1930s.
- Tumultuous times stimulate new cultural movements.
- Berlin attracts writers and artists from around the world.



Rise of Nazi Party

- While in prison, Hitler writes *Mein Kampf*.
- Hitler's ideas are rooted in anti-Semitism and beliefs about master Aryan race.
- As unemployment rises during the Depression, Nazi membership grows.
- Hitler promises to end reparations, create jobs, and rearm Germany.
- Hitler elected chancellor in 1933.



Under Nazis

- Nazis set up totalitarian state.
- Hitler's policies bring Germany out of the Depression.
- Masses cheer Hitler's accomplishments.
- Nazi ideas are spread to youth.
- Nuremburg Laws launch persecution of Jews.
- Nazis try to weaken the arts and replace religion.